The Board of Home Missions
OF
The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,
P. O. Box 1938.
23 Centre Street, New York, 188

To the Board of Home Missions

Information has reached our Synod that an application is now pending before you for the appointment of Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D. as Presbyterial Missionary for Alaska

There are times & circumstances when the expression of opinion by others than members of the Board who, owing to their positions, are competent to give information, is a valuable aid In view of this general principle & having at heart only the welfare of our Alaska Missions we venture to express a the hope that the appointment of Dr Jackson as presbyterial Missionary will never be made While we fully appreciate all that Dr Jackson has done for Alaska we are yet compelled to affirm that in our judgement the appointment ought not to be made

Alaska while vast in extent presents comparatively few missionary openings These so far as the Board is prepared to occupy are already entered & in the future unless the portion chosen for our efforts be enlarged, our work will be in the de-

velopment of the field through the already Established missions This being true, there does not seem the same need for a Presbyterial Missionary as in regions where the work justifies extension From an intimate acquaintance with the Missions & Missionaries we are constrained to believe that the pressing need is systematic effort to make the Indians able to compete with the whites in the struggle for Existence They are not only to be Christianized, they must also be instructed in those arts which will ~~make~~ enable them to make the most of their country & its resources. To this end what is needed is tact & practical ability in the Missionaries

The efficiency of the work depends directly on those in charge of the Missions & schools & if they are properly selected there will be absolutely no need of such an office as you are ~~expected~~ asked to create The expenses too is an objection From 1800 to $3000 per year will be necessary to pay salary & Expenses This sum expended directly in equipment of schools will produce far more valuable results A careful inspection once each year is necessary, but this is already provided for in the visitation of the Synodical Missionary In addition to this should emergency arise, one Member

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of the Board, or a competent member of the Synod could give the field a visit & personally see the working of the Missions

When the Presbytery of Oregon requested the Gen Assembly to erect the Presbytery of Alaska, it did so in the hope that the new body might devise plans by which economy & efficiency could be subserved The New Presbytery is not yet organized Even were it as a body, to request this appointment we would still feel constrained to remonstrate & believe that the Synod of the Columbia by a very large majority would endorse our action In the confident expectation that the Bd will decline the request for Dr Jackson's appointment we subscribe ourselves in the bonds of the gospel fraternally

H. P. Berry, Chairman of Com^tee on H. M (Pres of Oregon

A. L. Lindsley Chairman of Com^tee on Ind Miss Pres of Oregon & Synod of Columbia

Elbert N. Condit Chairman of H M Com^tee of Synod of Columbia

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A Copy

Chilcat Mission Alaska
July 16. 1883

Rev Drs Kendall & Roberts
23 Centre St. New York

Dear Brethren

Believing that the Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D would be willing to take the Superintendency of Presbyterian Missions in Alaska, we gladly join the Missionaries of the other Stations in asking that he be appointed to said position

Signed
Eugene S. Willard
Carrie M. Willard
Bessie L. Matthews

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Sitka Alaska. July 16. 1883

To the Secretaries of the Board of Home Missions
New York

Dear Sirs

We are glad to hear that there is some prospect of being able to secure the Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D. for the Alaska work & would earnestly unite in asking that he be appointed Supt of Missions in this distant Section

Alonzo E. Austin
Mrs Alonzo E. Austin
Linnie A. Austin
John G. Brady
Mrs W. B. Styles
W. B. Styles.

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Fort Wrangell Alaska
Aug 13, 1883

To the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

Dear Brethren

We the Undersigned Missionaries stationed at Fort Wrangell Alaska learning that we can secure Dr Jackson's services in the interest of Alaska Missions do unite with the Missionaries at the other stations in requesting you to appoint Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D. Supt of Missions in Alaska

Respectfully yours
M. D. McFarland
J. W. McFarland
A. R. McFarland
Kate A. Rankin

Fort-Wrangell Alaska
Aug. 18—83

Dr Jackson.

Dear Brother

I just arrived this evening from a visit to Miss Matthews in the Chilcat-Country. Miss Matthews is quite well, and doing good work as far as she can. Their Indians are all away fishing at the canneries. They make plenty of money. Mrs Willard and their little daughter are quite ill. I feel very sorry for them. So far from

any medical aid. which I know they really need. I was perfectly delighted with the country. by far the most beautiful scenery I have come across in Alaska

On my return home this evening. I heard of petition sent to be signed by the Missionaries. requesting the Board to send you to Alaska. I think that would be splendid just suits me. Mrs J. W. McFarland. posted the letter before I put my signature to it. and I want it there. I will send it and if it will

to put it on with mucilage
do so.

Can you tell me why they are so long sending me any money. is any thing the matter with my accounts. I would like some money. as it would be very useful now.

Your Sister in Christ

Kate R Rankin

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Salem, Oregon.

Dear Doctor Jackson.

Your letter of May 13th came too late to be attended to before my trip to Alaska, and of course when I found it on my return it was too late. However there are some matters which will do now. In the matter of Uniforms, I have ordered a fine dark gray all wool. The Board having chosen that quality. They will go by next Steamer. I will also have a suitable cadet cap. and shoes. The cost for each boy to be $9.75 — $5.75 for clothes, and — estimated — cap $1.50 — shoes $2.00. As to School books I shall make out a list and send to Bro. Boyd in N.Y. who can buy them second hand. Books are out of all reason here. The Wagon I have ordered made in Portland especially for hand drawing. "like a hose carriage" — I have written asking Austin whether he wants Duck clothing for the boys to do rough work in. You can get a fish net in N.Y. better than I can here. but I have asked A. to make a requisition giving size of mesh — length and depth wanted. When it comes you can get net in N.Y. if Board approves. The lumber for cisterns will go next month. As to Willard

Home - I have sent doors - windows - nails locks - hinges etc - but unfortunately the flooring was crowded out the ship refusing to take all the freight offered - It will go next time - and will occasion no delay - The Willards are the most comfortably located Missionary family in Alaska, and when the Home is finished will be well equipped for efficient work - The Mill is going on rapidly, but needs many things to enable it to do good work - It wants an upper saw - a planer - and an edging buzz saw at least - and must have them - That mill must succeed - Now what about your $1000 - ? I do not know what to do with it - I can buy lots in Albina additions but fear to do so as things are at a stand still - I could buy you lots adjoining those I own, but as the price has gone up I doubt whether it is best - I paid $125 - each for my lots - and when I sell expect $500 - the price is now $250 - What shall I do - send you the money or keep it till I see a good opening? While I keep it I use it to pay for Board Material as I do my own - Knowing the Board is safe -

Let me hear from you -

Faithfully

O. W. Hill

Juneau Alaska.
Aug. 6. 83.

Rev. S. Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother—

You surprised me very much when you wrote that you expected to come & remain out here with your family to engage in mission work, but my pleasure was even greater than my surprise for you bring to the work an experienced head and a devoted heart.

I know that you and your wife will receive a hearty welcome from us all.

The mail was carried in a satisfactory manner to

to all parties last month by an Indian named Johnson Yasnov. This Indian carried the mail on the Slackum river for seven years so has some experience of what is required. I paid him $25.

I have engaged him for the year with the mutual agreement that he is to receive $50. a month during Dec. Jan. Feb. & ~~Mar~~ & $25. a month the rest of the year.

I expect to leave here in Oct. consequently will not be able to pay the Indian after that time. Mr Willard may not have the cash on hand & without facilities to have a check cashed. Would it not be well to send the

check here & I will get it cashed & remit the money at once to Mr Willard & he can pay the Indian each month. When you come to Alaska have you any settled purpose as to where you will ~~settle~~ locate. Mrs C. joins me in love to you & yours.

Your fellow worker in Christ
W. A. R. Coolies.

NOTHING BUT THE ADDRESS CAN BE PLACED ON THIS SIDE.

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New Castle

Need not be returned to W. D. La –

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New Castle May 9th 1883.

Rev Childon Jackson.

Dear Brother.

Your kind letter was duly rec'd. Hope you may be permitted to superintend the building of the Home at Hains. A letter rec'd this week and written July 6th informs us that nothing had been done in that direction except that daughter assisted and directed some boys in clearing a site.

We are all very much puzzled in regard to the course taken by the Board and especially by Rev Hill.

I have felt troubled since sending my letter. I should have submitted it to your judgement and correction. If there was anything in it in any way injurious to you or the

assumed it was not so intended.
Several weeks ago I wrote to Mrs
Ham twenty-five cent stamps and
asking her to forward copies of
daughters letter, sisters to sisters,
as many desire to have it. I
have rec'd neither letters nor answer.
Thought she might be from home.
As I could not answer the enquiry
on the enclosed postal refer it
to you. I understood the beds in
the Home at Sitka were single.
It would seem more economical
to have them double as covering one
third wider; would cover two and
a less number would answer to keep
them warm. Please let us know
your opinion.
That you may understand correctly
the state of affairs I enclose also
a letter which you will please return.
Your Sister in Christ, A. White.

Bethlehem, Pa., August 11, 13

Dear Dean Fin,

On my return from Philadelphia yesterday, I found the package, which you have been kind enough to send, containing a book & various pamphlets with regard to Mahan. These arrived

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Sincere thanks especially for your own most interesting work on Africa. I read in it, for some time, last night.

On the occasion of the approaching Women's Meeting I will be so better anything can be done preparatorily towards beginning a work in this country.

We could not of course actually begin a new work without the consent of the Mission Board which oversees all our foreign missions. This would lay us not at Bertelsdorf in Saxony.

With best wishes

I remain yours very faithfully

Wilhelm Thomas Schweitzer

Camies Aug 11: 1883

Dr Jackson

Dear Bro.

We expect to hear that the steamer has arrived any time now I will try and be ready with my mail, had the wind that is blowing now been raging two days ago I might have missed the steamer. I was then up the "Dyke a Lulet" in my boat. On Tuesday morning (Aug 7th)

we were all awakened by
an Indian woman, rounding
on the door & arose and
learned that the miners
had returned from the
stick country, and concluding
that something must be the
matter could not
have been rounded out, I
paid a visit to their camp
and found 3 men who
had nothing with them
save their underclothes and
a small fire they were trying
to urge into life. They had
had nothing to eat for 3 or
4 days & had left 4 of

their party on the trail
unable to get down the
river that comes into the
Oyya Inlet at its head
I brought it to me some
clothes and took them
to the house where Mrs
Willard & Bessie had a
not breakfast spread
on the table. I had previously
sent a note by Ned to
Mr Sirensen at the Cannery
for Indians. After breakfast
and a rest for them
the Indians coming I
got made the "Cedaline"
with flour, Bacon, Crackers

cheese, Tea coffee & &c
for ballast and away we
went. We found the men
all alive they had shot
a dog Salmon and found
an old dried Salmon
dropped by the Indians
on the trail they had
eaten these & some berries
that were growing near
We all arrived in the
middle of the night at
Haines after a "forced march
of two days & nearly two
nights. We have heard
that the miners were down
on us that they would not
let us land at Juneau &c
but I guess these men do

not belong to that party.
They made me a present
of a large Colts revolver
with cartridges a belt &c
and are determined to
send from the store more
provisions than they need.
They found gold but not
in paying quantities.
The Indians are hard at
work catching Salmon getting
15 ¢ apiece gaining from 5.00
to $25.00 a day consequently
our town is deserted.
The people are scattered every-
where. We have three

children with us who are learning fast. They are about all there is left of the school we could have 40 or more if we could take them in as these are but as the Board will not provide for children until the home building is erected (Mr Hill informs us) we can afford to take no more though we have kept two bright boys for seven days at a time, we have to send them back to their people or they would all

Miss Rankin has
been visiting us She
came up on the last
steamer & is going down
on the mail boat

We all unite in sending
our kindest regards to
Christian Tree & yourself and
family

Fraternally
Eugene S Willard

Refer in reply to the following 12,240

Department of the Interior,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

WASHINGTON, Aug 11, 1883.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.
23 Center St. New York City.

Sir.—

Replying to your request of the 7th ult. you are informed that I have inserted in the annual estimates of this Office for the next fiscal year, a request for an appropriation of "twenty five thousand dollars, ($25.000,00) for the support of industrial schools among the Indians of Alaska.

Yours respectfully

H. Price
Commissioner.

The Women's Christian Association.

"Sea Rest."

Asbury Park, N. J. Aug. 11th 1883.

Mrs. [illegible] Jackson

Dear Sir:

Some of the ladies who read your article in the "Y. W. C. A." while you were in Alaska, would like you to write a short to the point statement of the needs of Alaska for Faith Works. The cover it reaches the Faith Works Office, 325 Arch St., will do the rest. Some time when you send us a paper so that if you are not already familiar with it you can know what it is. You appear to be a true Christ earnest worker of all denomination.

In Truth,

Nannie C. Barton

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Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions,
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Mrs. S. S. Hayes, *Chairman*, 164 Robinson St. Allegheny, Pa.
Mrs. Thomas McCauley, *Vice Chairman*, Chester, Pa.
Mrs. M. E. Boyd, *Treas'r*, 23 Centre Street, New York City.
Miss F. A. Dyer, *Corresponding Secty.* Covington, Tioga County, Pa.
Miss E. S. Dickey, *Recording Secty.* 830 Capitol St. Philadelphia.

Aug 13/83.

My dear Sir,

How do you pro-
-ceed in sending the boat money
to Mr Willard? Mr Boyd sent
me word, or wrote me that
Mr Hill said Mr Willard's
father had given him a boat.
I may be mistaken — but I
understood Mrs White to say
that he only advanced the
money until ours was sent out,
as they were obliged to have the
boat.

I shall not again write
of this to the Secs. I fear I have
already offended, by my
plain words. But I wish
you would tell me what I can
say to friends who ask if the

Receive & keep the money
Buy a boat & send it to Mr Willard
Very truly
S. S. Hayes

money has gone to Mr. W. in the boat & if he has what he needs now. Your kindness in noticing my letters makes me bold to write this. It is of course personal: I shall not use your name — but feel I must have something definite to tell the donors.

Why go on publishing lists of special objects, only to keep up this constant irritation when money is not forwarded. If special objects are written for you might give them — but I wish you Lord. ~~only~~ urge the moment to call only for $115.000 — & not for certain sums.

However — I am not advising. I feel very badly about the whole matter of the Chilcat Station & have had sore struggles with myself to keep on in this work. I do so hate to work in the dark & to have to put people off without a candid

Ft Wrangell A.
Aug. 13th/83

Dear Dr. Jackson

I have written the petition and will send it to you, this mail signed by all on the ground — we were much astonished to hear that you thought of moving with your family to Alaska. We will gladly extend our welcome to you, But I fear it will be a great sacrifice for you to make — I am satisfied for Mrs G. to have the home — for there would be no living with her

if any one else had it—
I wish those to whom she is
lecturing were behind the
curtain and could see the
working of her institutions, they
would not feel much like
contributing. The few boys
she had did not attend School
any more regularly than the
ranche children—I am sure
their faces were not much cleaner
I think she had a good deal
of cheek to apply for my
husbands position. what did
Dr. Kendall mean to recommend
such a thing. Well when
Mrs S. goes into the business
with me I will resign all
to her, and leave the field

They tried the first winter Mrs McFarland was in Portland to divide the school taking my boys. I protested against it we had a pretty warm discussion first with Mr F. then with her, until she was glad to give up the question. She wrote Aunt this mail that Dr. K— & the Board wanted to help her with her home — but she said not a dollar. Then they agreed to commission her as music teacher paying for the time occupied. Mrs Hamm sent the Histories for the school

I am thankful — my commission & blanks arrived but no checks & was much disappointed — we were obliged to borrow. I cannot understand the delay. it should have come last mail. Tell Mrs J — I will write to her next time. Send a note to Bessie with this — Very truly Yours

Maggie McFarland

Please send me a copy
of Justice Miller's decision in
the case of Sheldon Clark

Fort Bridger Utah
Aug 14th
1873

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother

Our mail came so early this month it was quite a surprise to me your letter I should have had last month, also the one of July 5th were both received. Both letters brought surprises to me. The petition you enclosed is already copied, signed & all ready for the mail, Mrs McPherrin will send it. You in your letter of July 5th also Mrs Jackson in her letter speak as if the matter

of your Coming to Utah is settled, but you do not tell us where you are going to live or what you are going to do. I wish you had been a little more explicit. I am much surprised at some things. It seems strange after all that has been said that Mr & Mrs Young has gained such power with the Board as to have everything their own way. Tell me if it is decided that the two Homes are to be built together & Mrs Young go in there with her boys. I cannot believe after all that is so said & done about

that at the time the
other building was put
up; that the Board
would now do just
what those parties have
been trying to bring
about ever since they
came to Draught. I wrote
very plainly to Dr Kendall
last night about it,
talked about that "Home"
Now I am perfectly willing
Mrs Young should have
the boys Home - But I
can see no reason why
the building for her
Home & our Home
should be together,
particularly as she is
to be "independent" of
others - I think of the
time that soon will pass
before we can have -

a building to go into my
heart Dickens. I fear the
result of all this waiting
in more directions
than one, I doubt
ladies - we will get
a building to go into
before dinner time in
85. I really cannot see
why this should be-
so. I look forward
to the coming winter
with much dread.
I presume Mr & Mrs
Young will be in Wind-
sor by the time this
letter gets there. For-
ever remain surprised
I hear Mr Kendall tried
to have Mrs Young com-
missioned as teacher for
the boys school. But
did they propose to do
it. Has it thought?

Fort Brady Mich
Aug 14th
1873

Mr & Mrs Thos Jackson Dr.
Dear Brother

Our mail came so early this month it was quite a surprise to us, your letter I should have had last month & also the one of July 5th were both received. Both letters brought surprises to us — The petition you enclosed is already copied & signed — & all ready for the mail, Mrs McFarland will send it, You in your letter of July 5th also Mrs Jackson in her letter speak as if the matter

Does she imagine she
is able to carry on a
Boys Home of such lot,
that about her own
family & household
duties - her position
as Pastor's wife -
Her Hospital &c &c,
She is certainly a
very remarkable wo-
man. It seems a great
pity if we are going
to have these buildings
that we cannot have
them now, it would
save us much trouble
& expense, for instance
I had a lot of hay & all
our fish barrels in an
old room adjoining
the school room. We
have emptied the room
& spent one afternoon

that I must vacate
at once, so I had to
hire men to move,
three at pay three
three dollars for doing
it, then struck out
after six weeks
difficulties this stream;
I had to go to East a
room, very off to put
them in, & you can
imagine how inconvenient that is, & if
we get these other rooms
we will have to be at
the expense of having
all this lot of goods
moved again. But with
the view of working for
with all this, I will
say more at present;
but you know what-
ever is done as soon

after as possible.

I feel as if some trouble was threatening, I don't know what. Write to me to your family.

Yours respectfully
J. R. McFarlan

I wrote fully to Dr. Kendall & also to Mr. Young about Louie & little Eddie, our youngest, they having left Chilcat mission, Louie said he could not stay because he could not make a living. It cost him so much to have everything taken up the river, then he had to build his house out of his salary. I lost him

#2.13. He wrote to the Board asking them to pay for it. They did not answer his letter. He became discouraged & resigned. He left $70 in debt. I think the Board should have paid for his house. They had the school & church up stairs in their own house. I hope they will be given a mission nearer home. I don't think we can afford to lose them from the work. I wish they could be sent to Siam.

A. N. McFarland

7 o'clock P.M. I have just come from Davies. Little has a nice little boy born at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mother & baby doing well.

Sitka Alaska Aug 15th 83

Dear Dr Jackson.

It has been raining all day as usual & I have been down at the wharf checking off the freight belonging to the Bonin (Sig Alaska's supply) as the boys received it. Expect some excursionists to the house to night so I will answer your letters as best I can in the few moments I have at command. The box of Dr Explosives are here, & while we hope they will be, only ornamental, the Steers

& myself, no how to use them if we should need them. Will send one to the Willard by next steamer. Will write to the party as you suggest by next steamer. There will be an extra one along in about ten days - so report says - many thanks for the same. Shall sleep easier now. - Will also send the measurements to the blasting stone etc. Rev Mr Hill sent us two bath tubs & writes that he has ordered a wagon to be ready for us by next steamer. That I may expect planks for cistern & uniform clothing etc on her next trip. Be sure do move - Jasper! I feel

quite encouraged. He
also writes for me to send
the dimensions of sein.
He has made arrangements
to pay freight in Portland
on return of bill with
my certification that
it is correct. I think we
can pull through another
winter if Mr Hans Slyts
are appointed. I made
application to the board
last month for them.
Have carefully noted the
contents of your letters of
July 12th & 19th & will carry
out your suggestions to the
best of my ability. Will
keep the letters until I see
you, which I hope will
be in the early part of the
summer of 1884. That member

who compares our work with Wrangel & can see that we need help must remember that Mr Styles has been at work on the Home & not in the school. Does Rev S. H. Young teach in the school? I mean when he is at home. Is their school as large as ours? (day school.) What is the amount of money paid for salaries at W.? Our boys have done over $500 worth of work on the grounds around the Home this summer. They came home at 12 P.M. last Saturday with their second raft of wood, their clothes not being dry during the whole week. We have thirteen girls in the Home, making with the boys forty in all. I send you a

list of the new names, will you be kind enough to hand it to Mrs Miller. Miss Minnie sent you a pkge of pictures by this mail Daisy Jackson among them, it is not a good one - too dark - not enough sun to take good ones. She sent a pkge to the secretaries & intended to send one to Mrs Haines but could not get a single postage stamp in town. She desires me to thank you for your kind letter. After the steamer sailed last month I found that I had left out the statement of building acct, which Mr Styles had prepared for me, please find it within. We have the trees

& brush cut down from the Davis road to the ditch formerly used to bring the water in from Indian River. Mrs Anshin has the sick headache to night. Have no lumber to build bell tower, but when I get all our wood re in, think I will take the responsibility to have some sawed. All my family unite with me in sending much love to you & yours,

Most sincerely yours

A Anshin

Shingles bought after you left

4,500

Pyramid Harbor
Chilcat A. T.
August 27/83 -

Dr. Jackson

Sir

I received your note and check for $167.00, for which I am thankful. I am living at the Company camery and on Sunday I take a canoe to cross the river, and then proceed across the portage to the Mission to interpret.
The company has removed to Pyramid Harbor There is nothing but buildings left at Chilcoot. Mr Hill a missionary gentleman came here this summer. He spoke to me about going over to live at the Mission There is no store in the Companys store, everything is moved out of the house - And when I count my expenses going over every Sunday it cost me $2.00 every Sunday I go over I have not been allowed my expenses coming from Fort Wrangle here nor my expenses going up to Chilcat Village nor to Chilcoot Village

on General occasions, according to my accounts
moneys expended out of my own Pocket
is $57.00, I understand that all other
Missionarys have their traveling expenses paid
I have gaw this to give you an Idea of my
expenses, which will be more so, from this out
As Long as my husband was living at Chilcott
the Company furnished my provisions. But
if I go over to the Mission to live this winter
my husband cannot go over there, for his business
calls him on this side - I have no stove nor fire
wood, there, nothing But an empty house
you know Dr Jackson I was not educated
in Fort Wrangle I was educated in Victoria
Lue & Lillie were educated in fort Wrangle
still the had more Salary than I had
and had everything furnished at upper Chilcat
that is house stove fixtures & fire wood
I have had But One Box of Clothing since
I have been in the Mission. Now I want
the Mission to help me, with wood & Stove
if I stay at the Mission alone this winter
my expenses are increased

I would like all Brothers & Sisters east to help in raising my Salary - I think its time for me to get more, for I am long over, working in the Mission
I have not been to the Mission for two weeks - for the Last Sunday I went there there was only 2 women living there and 5 Boys followed me over there - the one all scattered fishing &c But there has been plenty of Indians living on this side all Summer I hold meetings & Sunday school here when I do not go to Chilcoot Mission for I do not wish to lost time, where there is so many Souls to be saved - Beside the Indians all begged of me to open Sunday school here - for all of Lues Pauls scholars lament their loss - those are the people who want me to open Sunday school here But I do not like to separate the Mission There is no Indians at Chilcoot - - -
But I am bound to open Gods word to those who are anxious to hear -

I suppose you know about Lellie
L. Lee Paul leaving - the Chilcat
Mission - Shrotitch wants a White
teacher sent to upper Chilcat - -
My Husband and my Daughter
wishes to be remembered to you &
Mrs Jackson I joing also in the same

I remain
Your Sister
In Christ
Sarah Dickinson

Hamies Aug. 28. 1883

Dr Jackson
Dear Bro.

We have received your welcome letters and thank you for their words of cheer & friendship. The life preserver also has been received and for it we thank you. You speak of Dr Curtis' success in hiring a mail carrier & proposing to give him all that he can save of the $600.00. You mentioned the same upon and at that time I wrote Dr Curtis telling him that you had

wished it and that I am glad it is so. If he has received my letter, and I believe he has, he will be acquainted with your plan I am glad he can make that out of it ($200.00) his trouble with it is worth that I should think.

Two trips have been made. On last mail must have weighed over 100 lbs

Concerning those letters there are two points that I do not know if I have spoken to you about or not, any way as they are important and

We would not like to see anything else in print I will repeat, The letters we addressed to different persons & parties you know please see that they are all addressed: "~~My~~" "Dear Friends" not Dear Young friends ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Mrs Willard has spoken one several times about it So I know she would not like it any other way.

Again We noticed when the upper Chicago Village is mentioned it has appeared in

the printed letters "Willard" please be careful to have that changed for "Clock-work" or any thing else = only that the name Will and be dropped

As we are anxious that these changes should be made I have written concerning them the more fully.

You suggest that Miss Mathews may be taking the place of servant girl.

Mrs Willard has trained our two girls Fanny & Ann so that they do nearly all the work about the house and more than most good servants do. Miss Mathews

taught them how to make bread and wash so that they have things down to the fine point Mrs Willard has also taught them how to sew on the machine, Fanny can run it with plain sewing as well as any one she sewed the biggest part of a pair of pants for Ned last week, also her own clothes. Miss Mathews has plenty of time for all the mission work that it would be possible for any one to do. She has had no expense here. She has had a share in training the children and often now

comes around and takes the
worst out of the girls hands
because she says she wants
some exercise in housekeeping
We are all in good
health and busy. We wish
you could be with us for a
while our life will compare
in no way to life in Sitka
Mrs Willard was sick for
a while our Mrs Hills visit
(it aggravating her heart trouble a considerable)
but has gotten over that
Mr Hill has been
sending windows doors nails
&c in little dabs nothings
that I should have ordered
had I the putting up of the
building. He says in a letter
received by the last steamer

that he hopes the building
will be ready for use by the
winter There has not been
anything done on this
side so far save that the
ground is ready. I have
no authority as yet to touch
the thing and wont touch it
until I hear and if I hear
go on with his operations
will not take it off ~~from~~ his
hands. The way materials have
been sent it will cost $20.00 or
$25.00 to get them from the Lumber
yard building ground had
he sent every thing that we
needed at one time the steamer
would have rung up them some

bay. Moreover he ought to know what is needed before sending, for instance, he has sent 8d nails. I had 3 or 4 kegs here enough for all the floors of the house. There are other things but as he is doing it, it is none of my business.

I guess I have said enough. We all unite in sending kindest regards and Christian love to all the family.

Your Bro in Christ

Eugene S. Willard.

Dear Dr. Jackson: In this mail I send a short letter on "The Alaska Owl," with two sketches, to Editor Wide Awake. So you may please send the "Dish of the Owl" to that address at once. & oblige your help Comr. Willard.

[illegible]

[illegible] Nov 27th 1[illegible]

Dear Mr [illegible]

I received your [illegible]
about [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Mr Mangell, [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]
house of eight [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of the Mode Stable. [illegible] is [illegible]
building [illegible] [illegible] for a [illegible] house
for the children. It has been [illegible]
[illegible] day but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I'm glad the stable comes in good play the left home the 21st intending to stay two weeks — but I am very much afraid we will pass out of provision — the fresh air & the exercise gives the children ravenous appetites I wish you could see the feast — the little ones sat down away — Our furniture consists of a bed steed & bedstead, two tables, a cupboard, some benches and a cooking stove. The girls have a fire in the outside shed, and are baking bread in an old fashioned reflector, and Papa R. is baking in the stove. We can get some vegetables in morning we had young duck fried. Yesterday a fast fire with a wild goose. Our garden is

doing nicely. It is in good order the children are very hearty & working like industrious little beavers. I am afraid we will not have many left. We were much surprised to hear that you were coming to London. I feel like you that it will be a great sacrifice to make, but I think you will do a great work here. I am anxious to know where you will locate. I wish the Temple would go somewhere else and you could take charge of our work. I think Bonnie would enjoy teaching as it is her desire to be a Missionary. [illegible]

[illegible] so my relief [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

The Board of Home Missions

OF

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

P. O. Box 1938.

23 Centre Street, New York, 188

(Copy)

This certifies that the Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D. is a minister in good and regular standing in the Presbytery of Santa Fe and is now at his own request dismissed to unite with the Presbytery of Alaska to whose fraternal affection and fellowship he is hereby cordially commended.

Done by order of Presbytery this 10th day of August 1883

Attest

W. H. McGaughey

Stated Clerk of Presbytery Santa Fe

I hereby certify that this is a true copy

P. D. Eaton

New York N.Y.
Sept 10th 1883.

Haines. Chilcat Country Alaska
Sept. 11th 1882.

Dr. Jackson.

Dear Friends.

I do not know whether Mr or Mrs Willards are writing to you this mail or not. but I thought I would write a short letter any way. We are all as well as usual. I am regaining strength. and hope to be at work again. The people are still all away. and will not probably be back till October. and I have only our three. I just hear them say lessons at home. I wish I could have been at the upper village this summer. as Louie and Tillie left. for there were plenty of children there. but I have never been there yet. I dont think I would be able in a

Feb. 1883 Mrs Willard Haines to Dr. Jackson. Sent from Bessie L. Willard

to stay there if there was some one to speak for me. I can not carry on a conversation with them though I can understand some. and they will try to talk to me.
I think most of the people are gone from the salmon canneries now. and are nearly all at the upper village. they have all been so busy getting fish for the canneries. they were so intent on getting all the money they could that it was next nigh impossible to get a canoe to go to the upper village. In some respects I am afraid the canneries will bring harm to the people. with what good they may bring the country. some of our women have already gone wrong. and this greed for money which has possessed them. There has been so much competition

the washing ironing and sweeping and only need a little oversight about it. I only had the work to see to for a while. when Mrs W was sick and the children had first come and had not learned. Fanny the one who has been so long with Mrs W. was away then and came back afterward.
I think it was well enough I had plenty to take up my mind and time. for it seemed to give me new life and interest. I had been so very miserable in Sitka and all there was to do would have been nothing. if I had been well and strong. I was almost in doubt as to whether I had better come on here or go home. perhaps if I had had the money. I should have gone home. and it was first as well I did not have it. for I am able to hold my own now with my friends. so far as nerve and will go. I only wish I had been differently

educated. learned something that I did not. and left some things unlearned that I did.
I am sorry if anyone made about my having so much to do. to you. you have enough worries of your own. and I do so dislike anything like publicity. that is one thing I did not fully realize when I came. it did not strike me so forcibly till my sister spoke of having to give me up to the Catholic church. sure enough. we in our work do belong to the church. they have a right to our best. and with God's help they shall have my best. still. I would rather do it as quietly as possible in every way. I always liked to get in a corner. and in some ways. this is a corner. but again in other ways it is not. you can not remain unknown and to yourself if you wish. I only hope my Father's daughter will never do anything that he would disapp...

4 Sept-12th 1883.

I did not quite finish my letter yesterday. and it is I suspect it is quite as long as you have time to bestow upon it. I am going to trespass still more.

It is just a year ago today since I reached Sitka with you. I always think of the journey with pleasure. your kindness made it so. but the year just passed seems like five. if they all drag so. life is short though it may be will seem an eternity. and in most respects. the year has been disappointing! I feel as if I had accomplished nothing. I did not teach while in Sitka for reasons which I could not easily explain to you. but I did all I could besides conscientiously. and I had just got well started in school here. when the people went away. I must think it is all right. and as God wills

but sometimes I feel like a caged bird. I never wished to be a man till lately. There is so much to be done here that only a man could do, and I feel so helpless and useless. If I were a man I could follow the people and go among them as I cannot do now. Pardon me for troubling you with such thoughts.

One of my sisters died the last of last March. She left three little children.

I think that has made me a little rebellious sometimes, and a thought has intruded itself that perhaps we mistake the promptings of our own will, and our own wishes for the leadings of providence.

God knows. But I am here with his help. I will try to see that it is not in vain and will hope that some one may be instructed and made ready for my coming.

I put in a few of our forms and names, perhaps Mrs Jackson or your daughters might like them.

Sincerely Bessie L. Mathews.

Sheldon Jackson Institute.

An Industrial Training School for Indian Children.

ALONZO E. AUSTIN, Principal.
Mrs. A. E. AUSTIN,
Miss O. AUSTIN,
WALTER B. STYLES,
Mrs. W. B. STYLES,
} Teachers.

Sitka, Alaska, Sept 11th 1883

Dear Dr Jackson.
My Sister is now due & I have so much to do & have so many interruptions when she is here I will begin my letter now & finish later when she arrived. We opened our School on the 3d & have an average attendance of sixty children. Many of the Indians are away from the Ranch & we need, & will have, very few from here for two months or more. Send this letter by to day the Steamer Dora Sealover it will run for winter's use. We have no news & this is the only thing I can do under the circumstances. Mrs Austin has been quite sick the last two weeks with chills & fever She seems better now, but has no appetite.

the cause to be, besides the prisoners ordered the House. It was received nearly all summer, & we have now a passageway in front of the door facing the Hedges house, each week with six of the second men, each a Soldier on each end of the house, connecting it with the one on the week, covered it with brush & filled in on each side with gravel. The fifth week covers from a week to the second room Tomorrow. Work on drainage is about fifteen rods. Capt Greenwood called to see me yesterday to see if some more could not be detailed to send several Russian women of the witch class, away to Boyne house of correction. They are the go-betweens between the Hoochinoo makers & the Indians, cause more trouble than all other kinds. Convinced, & he has no authority to force the issue, yet to feel that we into the Government house drunk & disorderly, in a short time. He arrived

me to write to you about the matter. He expects his relief on this Steamer, & will probably speak to you in reference to it, when he sees you. The distance from the "Home" to blarney stone 150 feet to Bradys hill 390 " It is wet & marshy from the foot of the hill, towards the Davis road, for about 100 feet. Have cleared the brush from the land, some 200 feet, extending from said road towards the hill, will clear out the stumps at odd times after the boys get into the school again. We have two large rafts of wood in, & want to get another. After the Steamer comes

we shall take down & raft up the old store house etc at Old Sitka & put up a wood house. While the boys were burning a large pile of brush last monday Mr Styles walked out with our "Fire Extinguisher" & put out their oak-lane (big) fire, to their great astonishment. They could not understand how such a little medicine, puts out such a large fire. It works splendidly & it is a great relief to my mind to feel that we have something in the house to fight a fire, if we should ever be so unfortunate as to need it. I send a letter to Plainfield - by this steamer

We have one of them packed as directed & will forward it to Rev Mr Willard by first opportunity. Expect some lumber up by this steamer to build a cistern, also wagon & uniform clothing for the boys, from what Mr Hill wrote me last month. Have not heard from Mr Sprague. Mr Brady is in San Francisco, Expected to return by Oct' Steamer. If Mr Young & Gould should be aboard of that steamer & she should go to Chilcat first they will probably hold their meeting to form Presbytery there, to save Mr Willard a trip to

Silka, as he might not be able to return so late in the season. Now is the time to send the Christmas presents, to have them reach us in time. We have had a very good attendance at our Sabbath services through the summer many of our boys are very thoughtful & I think Rudolph is a true Christian, he is praying for his companions, & for his father & mother. I feel greatly encouraged in my work, as I feel Gods Holy Spirit is striving with the people. Pray for us! Love from all

Your Brother, A E Austin

Fort Wrangel Alaska
Sept 13th 1883

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother

Yours of Aug 14th was received three days ago. I am much obliged for the scraps of news from "inside workings" But as you say change seems to be the order of the day, we are likely to have sawmills enough - for there is a man here - came up this steamer, who represents a Co in San Francisco - came to se-

last a sight near
brought to put up a
large steam sawmill.
He says they can fur-
nish lumber for our
buildings cheaper than
we can possibly have
it sawed. Of course
we will have to winter
in this house. I
look forward to it
with great dread - for
I know what a cold
house this is. But water
will be our greatest
trouble in the winter.
Mrs Young expects to
bring her Mother with
her - & Mr Young writes
that if the way opens
up they "will bring an-

assistant along for Annie
I wonder where they
will put them all.
(Don't you let them
know I wrote you
this.) I have asked
for Coal Stoves for
this house. Do not know
whether I will get them
or not. Coal fires would
make this house much
warmer. Oh no I could
not think of sending
any of my girls off.
We will get along
somehow. Mr Young
now writes that they
will not be home
until Nov. After sen-
ding notices to all
the ministers to meet

in Sitka next month
to organize the Presby-
tery. I expect there
will be wonderful
developments after all
this lecturing. You have
not told me where you
expect to live if you
come to Alaska, or
what you expect to
do. I am sorry to send
you such a short letter
but am suffering with
head-ache so I can hardly
write. Lillie calls her
boy "Samuel Kendall"
Much love to Mrs Jackson
& the girls.

Faithfully Yours

A. R. McFarland.

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Muncastle Sept 18 1888

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother,

The enclosed letter is forwarded to you hoping it will be some encouragement in reference to the book, as well as show the interest taken in the Chilcat Mission.

Will you be kind enough to let me know whether the money for the boat was paid over as the question is often asked of me. Daughter, in a letter recd some time ago, speaks of receiving the amount first sent by you.

A letter from daughter, written in June, left them in improved health except little Carrie, who was suffering from ulceration of

Throat. Suppose you have had word from them will not therefore write particulars.

The letters "Heathen Women", were rec'd.

Yours Truly,
E. G. White.

The letter need not be returned.

Wilmington Ill, Sept, 14th 1883

My dear Mrs. White,

I have been thinking for some time of again writing to you so I could know something about the Book, is it realy to be published? and how soon will it be out? I am so anxious to have it and think it a book that will sell well, certainly it ought to in Northern Illinois, and we will make a great effort to sell it.

I received a long letter, three sheets and a half of paper, from Mrs, Eugene S. Willard and I read it at our Society meeting and then sent it to the minister' wife of the first Church in Joliet, for her to read at her society meeting and requested her to send it to

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hand it to the Society of the Central Church and then return it to me and then I have promised to send it to Minneapolis Minn to a Society that are interesting themselves in the Willards, and then I sometimes think it ought to be published, so that more Societies would have the benefit of the letter, for Mrs. W, tells what they need and what Societies can do, so that it will be a help to those who do not know just what to do, and how to do it,

Our S.S. has used the childrens money for years, to buy their own books papers &c, but now there is a change, and the Church will support the S.S. just the same as they support the Minister, and all the Contributions are to go to some benevolent object or to Missions, and

the Superintendent was talking with me about where we would send it, and he and I both said we would do all we could to have our S. S. send all their money to Willard's Mission, and we are to take a vote on the subject soon, but not until after we send the things away that we are now getting ready, in our Society and S. S. for Eugene and his helpers to have for a Christmas Tree for their school, we want to send them the first of Oct, so that they will be sure to receive them before it will be too late for them to have a Christmas Tree.

It is surprising to see how readily children will go to work at any thing of the kind, they are so much more enthusiastic than their parents; for instance While this

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Church of ours, in this little old town is not much of a Missionary Church, the intrest is only with a very very few, but if we can educate the Children to giving to missions and learn them all we can about the work, it is to be hoped that the coming man and women of this Church will have more "Love For Souls."

If it is convenient please let me hear from you;

Accept my kindest regards

very truely yours

Amy E. C. White,

P.S. Perhaps I have signed myself in the past Mrs. A. J. W., I just mention it so that if I did you will know who I am.

Bethlehem, Pa. Sept. 25, 83

Rev. & Dear Sir,

I am truly sorry that so long a time has elapsed since the receipt of your letter of the 18th of August. The reason of my delaying an answer was owing, in part, to my absence from home, and in part to my waiting for the meeting

of our Board, subsequent to our 25th Anniversary.

We have resolved to send, if possible, one of our Ministers to Alaska to examine the ground & report. Hence I would beg you to answer the following questions:

1. Would it be better to wait until Spring before such an exploratory tour is undertaken, or

could it be conveniently & rapidly undertaken this fall. In case we wait until spring, we would probably try to find some one to accompany the explorer to, if a suitable opening is found, to remain in Alaska to begin the work. This we could not do now.

2. What is the best & most expeditious route to Alaska?

3. What would be about the

expenses of a journey to & back from that country?

On Wednesday of next week I will have to leave home & will be absent, probably for six or seven weeks. If you could answer this letter, prior to my departure, I would be very thankful. —

I think a lecture on Alaska would be very appropriate, but I would suggest that it be postponed until after my return, about the beginning of winter.

Rev. Dr Jackson

Very fraternally yrs. Eli Schwemm

Alaska

Bloomsburg, Col. Co. Pa
Sept. 26, 1883.

Dr. Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir,

At the meeting of the Home Missionary Society to night I was commissioned to write you about delivering a lecture. The subject of circulating petitions concerning the government of Alaska was taken up, and the opinion of the ladies was, that greater results would

follow if the people were better informed; and I write to ask you if you can come and lecture for us. Our plan is to secure the opera house, and charge an admission fee; all receipts above expenses, (including your own, of course) will be given to one of the Alaskan schools.

Can you come? Do so, if possible.

Please let me know of your plans as early as possible.

Yours truly,
Eliza J. Brewster.

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Alaska

1 Clark Place
Utica Sep 28th, 83

Dr Jackson

Dear Sir, At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Utica Branch, this afternoon, in speaking of the wants of Hydah mission, I told the ladies what you said about a boat being needed for the mission.

Miss Gilbert wished me to write to you and ask how much a boat suitable for their wants would cost. She thinks we could raise the money

for one, before our annel meeting, which is Oct-10th. I could put into it-the $54,75 from my Sabbath school. and we think we know of enough more - if it does not come too high -

If we do raise this money, would it not be better to send it direct - to Mydah, to Mrs Gould. We do not wish our funds to meet with a fate, like the Steam launch money.

The ladies also determined to furnish Mrs Gould, domestic help. but we do not

wish her salary cut down to pay this expense.—

If you will answer by return mail about the boat, we shall be very glad—

I cannot find the sweet little letter of Mrs Willards. I promised to send you.

Perhaps, as it was a private letter, it is just as well, but it was so full of genuine poetry, that it ought to see the light.

Hoping that the Lord will spare you many years, and grant you great wisdom, in your blessed work, I

remain very truly
your friend
M. E. Morse